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Vandalism: costly human quirk

By BILL SHERROD

A carload of joyriders go on a Saturday-night spree and the next morning more than 30 postal customers find their mail boxes destroyed.

A frustrated hunter at the end of deer season pumps three loads of buckshot into a highway sign to compensate for the big buck he missed.

A man "fed up with "the establishment" decides to get even with the government and drives his pickup truck through several "no parking" signs to demonstrate his feelings.

Vandalism is a problem as old as civilization itself. From the first obscenity scawled on a Greek doric column to the most recent examples of mailbox and street sign destruction, it has served throughout history as one concrete example of the peculiar nature of the human psyche.

But, psychological considerations aside, vandalism has one effect that anyone who works can understand: it costs the taxpayers dearly each year.

A recent example of vandalism in Appomattox County serves to illustrate the point. Two adults and three juveniles were arrested following a mailbox-destruction spree, in which more than 35 mailboxes were damaged or destroyed.

"The postal service designated May 19-24 as mailbox improvement week," says Appomattox Postmaster Ora McCoy. "The customers were asked to examine their mailboxes and, where needed, improve them. They were asked to put the assigned box number on the side of the box facing the approaching carrier. We appreciated so much the cooperation given us during the mailbox improvement week, and many of those who improved or decorated their boxes were victims of the vandalism."

"Mailboxes aren't cheap, especially the custom-made ones," McCoy notes. "One man whose mailbox was destroyed said he spent almost 50 hours working on it. It was a real showpiece."

There are other less evident expenses involved in mailbox vandalism. The cost in manhours spent by postal inspectors investigating such incidents, and the potential for interrupted mail service are two examples.

Those involved in the incident cited above were caught and convicted in court locally. Part of their sentences involved reparations for damages caused in the spree. For example, the two adults will have to pay $1,629 back to the persons whose mailboxes they destroyed.

There are cases where mailbox vandalism is tried as a felony; it is a violation of federal law to damage a mailbox.

More often than not, however, vandals get away, and the victim is left to foot the bill for repairs.

In the case of street-sign vandalism, the taxpayer is the victim.

A study conducted by the state highway department two years ago indicated that street sign vandalism costs the Virginia taxpayer in excess of $750,000 annually, according to Al Coates, spokesman for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

"But as important, if not more important than that, is the safety hazard created by the theft of stop and yield signs, or destruction of the signs so motorists cannot read them," says Coates.

A year ago, for example, there was a tragic accident in Fairfax county where a motorist went through an intersection after a vandal had stolen a stop sign. The sign had been stolen late Saturday night, and the accident occurred early Sunday morning before police had discovered that the sign had been stolen.

"The police are very helpful to us, as far as reporting and investigating these incidents," Coates says. But there are just so many of them, it's hard for the police to keep up with them all."

While many people attribute vandalism exclusively to youths, Coates notes that there are frequent incidents where adults perpetrate the crime.

"Particularly during hunting season, there are adults who destroy or damage highway signs," says Coates.

Recently in Concord, a man destroyed several "No Parking" signs. A resident near where the signs were located turned him in, however, and the man was convicted.

"I don't think people mean to create traffic hazards or waste their own tax money when they vandalize street signs," Coates notes. "It's often a mindless act. People just don't think about what they're doing."

"The saddest thing about this is that the money spent on replacing signs could be put to good use making lasting improvements on roads, such as straightening curves," he continues.

"I suppose vandalism is like the litter problem and speeding on the highways. Maybe it's frustration, or maybe it's just people not thinking. Whatever the cause, I think it's a problem that will always be with us."

College night planned

College Night will be held on Monday evening, September 29, at 7:30 p.m. at E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Virginia.

This event is held in order that Juniors and Seniors and their parents can discuss with admissions officers of junior colleges, colleges, universities, business schools, medical and technical schools, nursing schools, apprentice schools and armed forces academies the entrance requirements, financial aid, scholarships and curricula.

The areas served are Amherst, Bedford, Campbell County, Lynchburg, and Appomattox. Approximately one hundred colleges will be represented.

An invitation is extended to students to be present at "College Night" so that certain information can be discussed. Parents are invited to attend with their daughter or son.

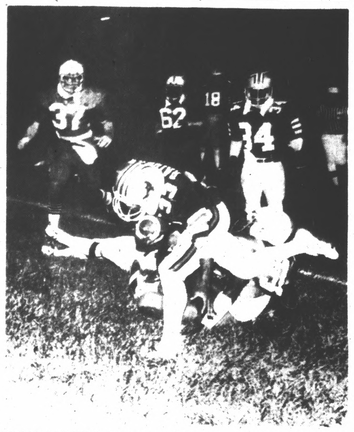
For further information, please contact the Guidance Department at Appomattox County High School (352-7146).

Town taxes due Sept. 30

Town personal property, and real estate taxes are due on Sept. 30, according to Town Manager Bill Britton.

The Town Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Citizens needing assistance with a tax question are asked to contact the town office on those days.



DENNIS FLESHMAN, leading scorer for the Raiders in their victory Friday night over arch-foe Rustburg, breaks a tackle around left and enroute to gaining 132 yards rushing for the game. The Raidrs won the game, 24-21, for their first victory against the Red Devils in eight years. See details in sports section inside this week's Times Virginian. (Photo by Bill Vaughan).

Mayberry takes contest

Curtis C. Mayberry Sr., of Appomattox missed predicting the outcome of only one game last week to win the Times-Virginian weekly football contest.

Mayberry's only slip came in predicting the outcome of the Appomattox Rustburg game, which Appomattox won.

Frances Hill, Dan Coleman, and Gloria Ferguson, all of Appomattox, tied for second place in the contest, missing only two picks in the 23 game contest.

Hill and Coleman had exactly the same point spreads in predicting the outcome of the first tie breaker, Appomattox versus Rustburg. Hill predicted a 21-13 victory, favor Appomattox, and Coleman predicted a 20-14 score, favor Appomattox, both with an 11 point spread.

In the second tie-breaker, however, Hill edged Coleman, predicting a 32-6 win for VPI, Coleman predicted a 34-10 win for Tech, and Hill's total point spread, 39 points, bested Coleman's point spread of 45 points to give her the score.

Gloria Ferguson's point spread for the two tie breakers was 52 points.

Nine competitors missed only three predictions of the 23 last week. They were Carlton Guill of Appomattox, John Caldwell of Appomattox, Jeff Miller of Concord, Tom Cobb of Pamplin, Alvin Booker of Gladstone, Tim Austin of Evergreen, John Wilson of Appomattox, Curtis Mayberry, Jr., of Appomattox, and Ken Caldwell of Pamplin.

The football contest continues this week, with entry blank and instructions inside.

Mobley likes home-grown music

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

For a fellow who spends most of his time just fiddling around, Perry D. Mobley, Jr. has a lot to show for his time and energy.

In fact, he has a first place blue ribbon from the Five-County Fair held recently in Farmville. The award was for a violin he designed and built and entered in the wooderaft division.

Perry lives with his wife, the former Elizabeth Hodges, and two of their three sons, Larry Dennis and Philip Edward just a few miles out of town on Route 1. Their oldest son, Robert Dean Mobley is married to the former Sherry Terry and they make their home in Evergreen.

The Mobley home, an attractive white structure, set in a wide expanse of well kept lawn was designed and built by Perry and his oldest son, Bobby, who was fourteen years of age at the time of construction.

Perry, the son of the late Perry D. Mobley Sr. and Lenore B. Mobley, was born in Gergaw, N. C. and spent a portion of his youth in Wilmington, N. C. The family later moved to Stony Creek, Va. It was here that Perry attended high school and got interested in music. He still remembers his chorus teacher, Mrs. Prince. Although he enjoyed singing in high school he didn't play an instrument at this point in his life.

Perry has no formal training in music; what 'know how' he has was picked up during the last twenty-five years.

"Any talent I have is God-given", says Perry, who remembers buying his first guitar from A. G. Gaines Jewelers in 1955.

"I've really fiddled around a lot with music in the past 25 years. I guess I've played a bit of music with about every musician around these parts and had a good time doing it," Mobley comments with a smile.

"I used to play with a group called the Soil Bankers. It was composed of local men Travis Barnes, Bill Hodges, Alvin Spencer, James Womack, Charlie Williams, and myself. Perry notes. He explains that the name "Soil Bankers" came about when the farmers were putting their farmland in the soil bank. He often played with David Smith of the Forestry Service.

When asked how he got into building instruments, Mobley said the first thing he built was a lap steel guitar, or electric guitar. According to Perry, that did fairly well; then he reworked a banjo or two. From time to time he worked on instruments for friends. Finally about ten years ago he decided to design and construct an instrument of his own.

"I got tired of playing instruments some other fellow had made and wanted one that was my very own," Mobley says as he describes the trial and error method he used in his work.

"A lot of my work ended up in the city dump", Perry laughs as he tells of the many attempts at making an instrument.

"I prayed", says Mobley, "daily, asking God to help me with the design for the instrument; some how or other the idea of an hour glass kept coming to my mind and I knew this idea was meant to be worked into the design."

Ten years of work and patience paid off when Perry completed his first instrument, approximately four years ago. The instrument winning the blue ribbon at the fair was constructed during the past year. It was one of the rules of the fair that the entries had to be made in the year in which they were shown.

There are four different types of wood in the winning violin. The top is pine, the side and back are walnut; the bridge and nut are of oak, and the fingerboard is made of hickory.

The inside design is Perry's own secret; he is in the process of getting a patent on the instrument.

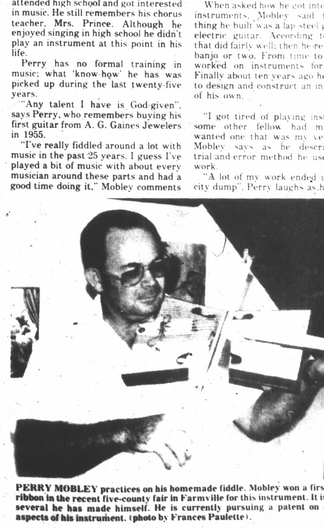
Perry, who no longer is able to hold down a job because of a serious heart condition, worked for 10 years for the Appomattox Hardware as a certified oil burner technician, and would much prefer to be working now. But since he cannot, he keeps busy with his hobbies: music, fishing and hunting when he is able.

The Mobleys are members of Evergreen Baptist Church, very active members in fact. Phillip often plays the guitar with the youth choir; Perry's wife, Elizabeth, sings with the adult choir and with her family members, the Hodges, who are musically talented, and often present special music at worship service.

Perry, who begins each day with Bible reading and prayer said, "I used to play in dance halls and I drank a little bit. Then I realized what I was doing. I was trying to hold on the the cross with one hand and the bottle with the other. Finally the Lord said to me, 'You have got to make up your mind, you either serve me or the devil,' and that's when my life really changed. I quit smoking, quit drinking and began playing my music for the Lord. He called me and I listened, and I have never been happier."

Mobley has detailed drawings of the instruments he has constructed and has plans for other designs to be completed.

Mobley.....he 'fiddles' around, and he's a winner.!



PERRY MOBLEY practices on his homemade fiddle. Mobley won a first-place ribbon in the recent five-county fair in Farmville for this instrument. It is one of several he has made himself. He is currently pursuing a patent on certain aspects of his instrument. (photo by Frances Paulette).

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

If a good start means anything, we are in for a delightful Fall. After a badly needed shower we were on the mark and ready to go when Fall arrived Monday afternoon. At 5:09 P.M., to be precise. Grass that had become brown from lack of rain wore a green dress for the arrival. Appomattox is ready. Everybody, hither, thither and yon is ready. There are those who say this is a select time of year. Let us give'em a chance to strut.

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We had become a divided people. Those who had received rain were proud, those who were dry and parched felt left out. Every little bit helps, but we need more. Friends who had some digging to do say they seldom saw ground so dry and hard, deep down. So when Fall knocked on the door, we said, "it's not locked, come on in and make yourself at home."

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An Appomattox football player got on network TV Saturday. The Hampden-Sydney vs. Salisbury State game was televised and Gus Paulette, of Evergreen, got away the opening kick-off for Hampden-Sydney.

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ACHS continues to do well in its fall sports program. The girls volleyball team is a winner and in football the jayvees and varsity scored week-end wins over Rustburg. This week the Raiders trek to Lovingston to meet Nelson County.

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For a change of pace I watched a soccer game on TV. Interesting. One big difference from football or baseball is that a team gets only three substitutes per game and when a player goes out he is through for the game. Requires a lot of stamina.

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The offices of The Virginia Press Association are in Richmond and for forty-two years Ed Myer has been secretary and office manager. He will retire at the end of this year. A salute to Ed and best wishes from an old friend.

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Birds have to fly and birds have to eat. A visit to my garden spot shows that every sunflower seed is gone. Planted sunflowers for the birds, so mission accomplished. Incidently, growing sunflowers commercially is a growing business.

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Speaking of eating, one of my favorites used to be a BLT. That would be a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. But have not had one all year and understand that lettuce is scarce. Not many in this area grow lettuce in their gardens.

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Wonder how many Appomattox people are moonlighters. Meaning, holding two jobs as a means of meeting inflation and cost of living. Right many. I would guess, and others who would like to if extra jobs were available. Yes, there are some people with great energy who need more than forty hours a week, even if a higher tax bracket becomes involved.

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Debates are much in the news just now and I recall that in days of yore local entertainments featured debates, as well as recitations, spelling bees and musical performances. Years ago there was such a program at the Vera school and the debate featured the Rev. Omar Burnette, George F. Abbitt, the late J. H. O'Brien and Father Darkleaf. The subject: Resolved: That the dish rag is more important than the broom! Forgot which side I was on, but my team lost!

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.